

Sprouting Beans – Troubleshooting

Some of my beans are not viable

Don't panic – we've given you 3x the beans that you actually need. As long as you have 4 beans sprouting, your experiment should work (just look after those plants carefully!). If you have less than 4 sprouting beans, please get in touch with us ((Linda – L.Birkin@sussex.ac.uk, Leila – L.Simpson@sussex.ac.uk). Preferably you will be planting 2x beans per pot (8 in total).

None of my beans are viable

It can take a few days before the beans show signs of sprouting – be patient. If you are not getting any signs of sprouting after a few days, make sure the kitchen roll is consistently damp. Placing the beans in a slightly warmer area, such as an airing cupboard, may help with germination, but remember to check regularly that the kitchen roll is still damp (if you are struggling, try placing the kitchen roll and beans in a ziplock bag).

If after ~4 days your beans are still not showing any signs of sprouting, please get in touch (Linda – L.Birkin@sussex.ac.uk, Leila – L.Simpson@sussex.ac.uk)

My beans have gone mouldy

Try changing the kitchen roll and make sure it's not too wet – it only needs to be damp. If only a few of the beans have gone mouldy, don't worry – you only need to grow 4 plants.